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> STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING 5901 Green Valley Circle, Room 207, Culver City March 22-24, 2011 **NOTICE AND AGENDA** Meeting Agenda (as of 4:00 p.m., 03/21/11)

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### 9:30 a.m. **Board Meeting Convenes\***

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# **Board Meeting\***

- Α. Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Hearings There are no items for this matter.
- В. **Corporate Franchise and Personal Income Tax Hearings**

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)

- B1.a Pacific Southwest Container, Inc., 473587 +
- B1.b Donald J. Mayol, 474114 +
- B1.c John Mayol and Tami Mayol, 474120 +
- B1.d James Mayol and Birgitt Mayol, 474107 +
- B1.e Lois M. Mayol, 474108 +

For Appellants: Reed Schreiter, Attorney

> Jon A. Sperring, Attorney Kendall B. Fox, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Jason Riley, Tax Counsel

Ann Hodges, Tax Counsel

B2. Robert M. Newell, Jr. and Judith A. Newell, 506927 +

> For Appellant: Robert M. Newell, Jr., Taxpayer For Franchise Tax Board: Jozel Brunett, Tax Counsel

> > Karen Smith, Tax Counsel

B3. Franklin Casco, Jr., 512009 +

For Appellant: Franklin Casco, Jr., Taxpayer
For Franchise Tax Board: Karen Smith, Tax Counsel
Jozel Brunett, Tax Counsel

B4. Thomas Najarian and Tamar Najarian, 522166 +

For Appellant: Meher Der Ohanessian, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Sonia Deshmukh, Tax Counsel
Ann Hodges, Tax Counsel

B5. Jimmy A. Prince, 535124 +

For Appellant: Jimmy Prince, Taxpayer
For Franchise Tax Board: Karen Smith, Tax Counsel
Nancy E. Parker, Tax Counsel

B6. The Harry J. and Margaret L. Heimer Community Property Marital Trust, 519706 +

For Appellant: Mark C. Doyle, Attorney
For Franchise Tax Board: Shail Shah, Tax Counsel
Karen Smith, Tax Counsel

# C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearings

These items are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2011 and Thursday, March 24, 2011.

# D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearing

This item is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011.

There are no items for the following matters:

- E. Property Tax Appeals Hearings
- F. Public Hearings

# G. Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Consent

(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)

- G1. Legal Appeals Matters......Mr. Levine
  - ➤ Hearing Notices Sent No Response
    - 1. Graphics Concept, Inc., 444651 (AP)
    - 2a. Robert John Delava, 446676 (AC)
    - 2b. West Printing and Graphics, Inc., 446675 (AC)
    - 3. Best Remodeling Solutions, Inc., 417566 (EA)
    - 4. 7250 Entertainment Group, LLC, 466183 (AS)
    - 5. Silverise Corporation, 430525 (EA)
    - 6. Walid Abdo Al-Tawil, 460687, 460961 (FH)
    - 7. Theresa Marie Christopher, 445288 (GH)
    - 8. David Villanueva Cabal, 472370 (FH)

G2.

- Robert Chang Soung, 462258 (GH) 10. Piara Singh and Surinder Kaur, 434022 (ET) Petitions for Release of Seized Property 11. Harjap Singh, 554455 (ET) 12. Andrew Khun, Ly Kheng-Ky Lao, David Odom and Chhay Pang Ving, 554460 (ET) 13. LA Tobacco Wholesale Corporation, 556258 (ET) 14. Ednader, Inc., 553886 (ET) 15. Song's Enterprises, Inc., 554458 (ET) Petition for Rehearing 16. Eel River Fuels, Inc., 511249 (JH) Franchise and Income Tax Matters ......Mr. Ambrose **Decisions** 1. Jerry Anthony Alarcon, 539071 2. Auto Theft R.F. Systems, LLC, 336033 3. Ayana Clark, 496060 Isaac B. Coker, 487486 4. 5. James H. Cornell and Martha E. Cornell, 506809 6. Howard R. Edge, 473075 Danny Frink and Katrina G. Kincaid, 539594 7. 8. Larry Gaab and Estate of Anna M. Gaab (Dec'd), 513550 Michael C. Kelley, 435101 9. 10. Simon Leung, 491072 11. Nathaniel M. Llana, 487075 12. Mid-State Bancshares, 461574 13. Tae G. Mok and Gyum S. Mok, 472910 14. Jesse Ramirez, 468619 15. Mireya Rivas-Barrera, 546588 16. Roy E. Tuckman, 472789 17. Kamal K. Varma and Shubhra S. Varma, 468747 18. Deborah Wolfe, 506878 Petitions for Rehearing 19. Maureen T. Scarbery and Brian E. Scarbery, 480106 20. James N. Smith, 510914 Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Matters Redeterminations
- G3. There are no items for this matter.
- G4. Sales and Use Taxes Matters......Mr. McGuire
  - - Applied Materials, Inc., 482471 (OH) 1.
    - Applied Materials, Inc., 489365 (OH) 2.
    - Do It Best Corp., 436171 (OH) 3.
  - Denial of Claim for Refund
    - Bowe Bell + Howell Company, 506596 (OH)
  - Denial of Relief of Penalty/Interest
    - 5. Kirk Negrete, Inc., 557414 (EH)

- G5. Sales and Use Taxes Matters Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds .......Mr. McGuire
  - Credits and Cancellations
    - 1. The Leather Factory, Inc., 556842 (AA)
    - 2. Graphic Distributors, 557428 (AP)
    - 3. Williams Lea, Inc., 215298 (OH)
  - Refunds
    - 4. St. John Knits, Inc., 531230 (EA)
    - 5. S.L. Fusco, Inc., 557515 (AA)
    - 6. ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., 539353 (AC)
    - 7. Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 554502 (BH)
    - 8. Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 156080 (BH)
    - 9. Resource Management and Control Systems, Inc., 522666 (AS)
    - 10. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, 554766 (KH)
    - 11. Fair Oaks Finance, LLC, 514492 (UT)
    - 12. General Instrument Corporation, 427398 (OH)
    - 13. Comverse, Inc., 513292 (OH)
    - 14. Telocity, Inc., 518433 (GH)
    - 15. Good Samaritan Hospital, LP, 468149 (GH)
    - 16. Banc of America Leasing & Capital, 546340 (OH)
    - 17. Xerox Corporation, 553996 (OH)
    - 18. Ford Motor Credit Company, 522661 (OH)
    - 19. Point Financial, Inc., 490955 (OH)
    - 20. ATK Services, Inc., 515284 (AR)
    - 21. Balboa Thrift & Loan Association, 536032 (FH)
    - 22. Villa Amorosa, 556672 (JH)
    - 23. Darley Stud Management, LLC, 535383 (OH)
    - 24. Pileco, Inc., 531602 (OH)
    - 25. Faith Com, Inc., 485616 (AA)

### There are no items for the following matters:

- G6. Special Taxes Matters
- G7. Special Taxes Matters Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds
- G8. Property Tax Matters
- G9. Cigarette License Fee Matters
- G10. Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters

### There are no items for the following matters:

- H. Tax Program Nonappearance Matters Adjudicatory
- I. Tax Program Nonappearance Matters

### **Chief Counsel Matters**

There are no items for the following matters:

- J. Rulemaking
- K. Business Taxes
- L. Property Taxes
- M. Other Chief Counsel Matters

### **Administrative Session**

There are no items for the following matters:

- N. Consent Agenda
- O. Adoption of Board Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Actions

## P. Other Administrative Matters

These items are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, March 22, 2011.

### Q. Closed Session

- Q1. Discussion and approval of staff recommendations regarding settlement cases (Rev. & Tax. Code §§ 6901, 7093.5, 30459.1 and 50156.11).
- Q2. Discussion and action on personnel matters (Gov. Code § 11126(a)).

# 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting Reconvenes\*

# B. Corporate Franchise and Personal Income Tax Hearings

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B7. Aurelio Serrano and Haidee Serrano, 519860 +

For Appellant: Haidee Serrano, Taxpayer

Amber Bridges, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Jane Perez, Tax Counsel

Suzanne Small, Tax Counsel

B8. Patrick T. Mead and Melissa A. Mead, 520063 +

For Appellant: Patrick Mead, Taxpayer

Amber Bridges, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Nancy E. Parker, Tax Counsel

Jozel Brunett, Tax Counsel

B9. Marna M. Skaar, 520443 +

For Appellant: Melinda Skaar, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Jane Perez, Tax Counsel

Karen Smith, Tax Counsel

- B10.a Michael Calderon, 523035 +
- B10.b Steven Ertelt, 527234 +
- B10.c Steven Olmos, 518961 +
- B10.d Demeris Parks, 524781 +

For Appellants: Peymon Mottahedeh, Representative

Karl Rivers, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Suzanne Small, Tax Counsel

Karen Smith, Tax Counsel

# **Administrative Session**

Items that appear under these matters provide information to the Members and may require Board action or direction.

### P. Other Administrative Matters

There are no items for the following matters:

- P1. Executive Director's Report
- P2. Chief Counsel Matters
- - 1. CROS Project Update +

Report on the progress of the CROS project to replace BOE's two current tax legacy technology systems to reduce the compliance burden for tax and fee payers and improve business program efficiencies.

2. Issue Paper on the Financial Institution Record Match (FIRM) Proposal +

Issue paper on whether BOE should become part of the Franchise Tax Board's proposed legislation on FIRM.

3. Contract Over \$1 Million - Use Tax Gap Pilot Project +

Requesting approval to proceed with a Request for Proposal to vendors to provide a data/system design regarding internet purchase information.

There are no items for the following matters:

- P4. Property and Special Taxes Deputy Director's Report
- P5. Administration Deputy Director's Report
- P6. Technology Deputy Director's Report
- P7. External Affairs Deputy Director's report

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### C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearings

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- C1.a Melody Arya Husaini and Bahram Arya Husaini, 415086 (AC) +
- C1.b Chra Fasl Cusine Resturant, Inc., 418856 (AC) +
- C1.c Char Fasl Restaurant, Inc., 418861 (AC) +
- C1.d Bahram Arya Husaini, 418864 (AC) +
- C1.e Melody Arya Husaini, 418867 (AC) +

For Petitioners: Melody Husaini, Taxpayer

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C2. Jack Nadel, Inc., 382431 (AS) +

For Petitioner: Robert Kritzler, Representative

Chatnee Aram, Representative Manuel A. Almeida, Representative

For Department: Andrew Kwee, Tax Counsel

C3. Tom Young Chung, 470308 (AA) +

For Petitioner: Tom Chung, Taxpayer

Mel Mitchell, Attorney Don Le, Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C4. Marwa Ahmad Harb, 401718 (AS) +

For Petitioner: Jim Speed, Representative

Howard L. Hoffenberg, Attorney

For Department: Andrew Kwee, Tax Counsel

C5. Earth-N-Ware, Inc., 459938 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Gerald Newton, Taxpayer

Scott Kauffman, Attorney

For Department: Cary Huxsoll, Tax Counsel

C6. Wareforce Corp., 442311 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Ferdinand Alfajora, Representative Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C7. Li Fang Ye, 478046 (AP) +

For Petitioner: Li Fang Ye, Taxpayer

Johnny Shih, Representative

For Department: Cary Huxsoll, Tax Counsel

C8. Eritech International, Inc., 469541 (AC) +

For Petitioner: Ali Khoshkhoo, Representative

Ken Gorden, Attorney

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C9.a Jill Jan, 406775 (FH) +

C9.b Deborah S. Weber, 406773 (FH) +

For Petitioners: Jill Jan, Taxpayer

Kendrick Jan, Attorney

For Department: Scott Claremon, Tax Counsel

C10. Shantilli, LLC, 434838 (UT) +

For Petitioner: Brett Hoffman, Representative For Department: Scott Claremon, Tax Counsel

C11.a 7 Bay Truck Station, Inc., 484942 (AA) +

C11.b Aris Manukian, 484943 (AA) +

For Petitioners: Haig Keledijan, Attorney

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C12. Beach City Market, Inc., 466431 (FH) +

For Petitioner: Brian R. Jackson, Taxpayer

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

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C13.a Russell C. Robbins, Sr., 479532 (EH) +

C13.b Russell Charles Robbins, Jr., 485670 (EH) +

For Petitioners: Russell C. Robbins, Sr., Taxpayer For Department: Stephen Smith, Tax Counsel

C14.a Marc Laidler, 358821 (AS) +

C14.b Raul Becerril, 358820 (AS) +

C14.c Constantina Susie Frial, 360058 (AS) +

C14.d James J. Brennan, 358974 (AS) +

For Petitioners: Brian Shanaghan, Representative

For Department: Andrew Kwee, Tax Counsel

C15. Boris Khodzhovan, 405900 (AP) +

For Petitioner: Boris Khodzhoyan, Taxpayer

Akop Baltayan, Attorney

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C16. Nikyar Hossein, 443193 (EH) +

For Petitioner: Hossein Nikyar, Taxpayer

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C17. Lisa Marie Bagot, 435016 (FH) +

For Petitioner: Lisa Bagot, Taxpayer

For Department: Pamela Mash, Tax Counsel

C18. RC Marketing, Inc., 377842, 461615 (EH) +

For Petitioner/Claimant: Regnor Hastings, Representative

For Department: Cary Huxsoll, Tax Counsel

C19. PYPK Production, Inc., 441163 (AA) +

For Petitioner: Justin Park, Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C20. Shady Kathem Muhammad, 404603 (EH) +

For Petitioner: Shady Kathem Muhammad, Taxpayer

Bradley L. Hogan, Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C21. Francis Ramo Newcomer, 416900 (AS) +

For Petitioner: Francis Ramo Newcomer, Taxpayer

Aaron Gurrola, Representative

For Department: Cary Huxsoll, Tax Counsel

C22. John D. Wright, 445514 (UT) +

For Petitioner: John D. Wright, Taxpayer

Ken Morton, Witness

Cris John Wenthur, Attorney

For Department: Scott Claremon, Tax Counsel

# D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearing

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# **Cigarette License Revocation Appeal**

D1. Mowafak Waw. 444794 (ET) +

For Appellant: Stanley L. Friedman, Attorney
For Department: Pamela Mash, Tax Counsel

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